



**Council Meeting Minutes – 9/21/2020  
Council Chambers**

- I. **Call to Order:** was called to order by Mayor Gastineau @ 6:30pm
  - a. Prayer
  - b. Pledge of Allegiance
  
- II. **Roll Call (COVID-19 Protocols):** by City Clerk Ruble. Council Members Barrentine – present, Wier – present, Harbort – Present, Hefner – here, McMinn – arrived at 6:37pm, and Brooke – here. We have a quorum
  
- III. **Confirmation of Public Access via Facebook Live:** City Clerk Ruble announced to any one following the meeting on Facebook Live that they can text any comments or questions to 501-259-1273
  
- IV. **Review/approval of August 17<sup>h</sup>, 2020 Council Minutes:** Mr. Brooke made a motion to approve the August 17<sup>h</sup>, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes, second by Mr. Wier. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 voice vote
  
- V. **Department Reports:** Mr. Brooke made a motion to approve the department reports as presented, second by Mr. Harbort. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 voice vote.
  
- VI. **Planning Commission Report:** Mr. Brooke made a motion to approve the Planning Commission report as presented, second by Mrs. Hefner. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 voice vote.
  
- VII. **Building Permit and Inspection Fees Committee Report:** Mayor explained that we will be talking about this with the upcoming ordinance a little later in the meeting and would wait to hear from Mr. McMinn then as he will be here then.
  
- VIII. **Unfinished Business:**
  - a. **ORDINANCE 2020-09: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS ANIMAL CONTROL CODE; REPEALING ORDINANCE O-2007-1; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. (SECOND READING)**

Mrs. Hefner made a motion to put O-2020-09 on its second reading, second by Mrs. Barrentine. Discussion. Mr. Brooke asked to have Article 1, Section 1, j. Fence: to be explained better in regards to electric fence. Mrs. Hefner made a motion to strike the language in section 1, paragraph j. "This fencing must be not being of material that requires electricity or batteries to operate." Second Mrs. Motion passes with a 4-3 roll call vote. Barrentine – nay, Wier – nay, Harbort-yea, Hefner-yea, McMinn-nay, Brook-yea and

Mayor -Yea as the tie breaker. Mr. Brook asked if we can add a section on foster care and Mrs. Hefner asked if we could add Goats to the ordinance. Mr. Wier makes a motion to table O-2020-09 second reading till next month meeting, second by Mrs. Hefner. Motion passes with a 6-0 voice vote.

**IX. New Business**

**a. RESOLUTION 2020-25: A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBER FOR THE CITY OF WARD BY THE MAJORITY VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BODY**

Mrs. Hefner made a motion to adopt R-2020-25, second by Mr. Brooke. Discussion. Motion passes with a 6-0 roll call vote. Wier-yea, Harbort-yea, Hefner-yea, McMinn-yea, Brooke-yea, Barrentine-yea, and Wier-yea.

**b. ORDINANCE 2020-10: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN FEES AND PERMITS FOR THE CITY OF WARD; REPLACING AND REPEALING ORDINANCES WC-6-93, 2005-03, 2020-03 AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (First Reading)**

Mr. Brooke makes a motion to put O-2020-10 on its first reading, second by Mrs. Barrentine. Discussion by Mr. McMinn Permit Committee Chair. Mr. McMinn explained that the committee decided on a 50% increase. They had lots of good discussion and pointed out that they are still lower than the surrounding cities and this is the first update in fees since 2005. Motion passes with a 6-0 roll call vote. Harbort-yea, Hefner-yea, McMinn-yea, Brooke-yea, Barrentine-yea, and Wier-yea. Mr. McMinn makes a motion to suspend the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading, second by Mr. Harbort. Discussion. Motion passes with a 6-0 roll call vote. Hefner-yea, McMinn-yea, Brooke-yea, Barrentine-yea, Wier-yea, and Harbort-yea. Mr. Brooke makes a motion to adopt O-2020-10, second by Mr. Harbort. Discussion. Motion passes with a 6-0 roll call vote. McMinn-yea, Brooke-yea, Barrentine-yea, Wier-yea, Harbort-yea, and Hefner-yea.

**c. New Wastewater Treatment Planting Testing Requirements**

- Water/Wastewater Superintendent – Bruce Jones
- Anticipated Additional Tests and Costs: We will be now testing 3 times a week and have added some new test to our current tests we are doing. A third party will be doing the testing and this will add cost to us. We are exploring the option to have testing done in house in the future. This will go in to effect November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 and if there is public comment then they will begin this on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

**X. Mayor's Report: As presented by the Mayor**

**XI. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:**

Mr. Roberts expressed his concern with 310 Campbell St. having a salvage yard in a residential lot. There are several cars not running and health concerns. Mayor ensured them that Code Enforcement will go out to the location tomorrow (Tuesday).

**XII. Announcements – (COVID-19 Protocols Apply, as needed)**

Planning Commission Meeting: September 28, 2020 at 7 pm  
CADC Emergency Food Distribution: October 13, 2020 at 10 am  
City Council Meeting: October 19, 2020 at 6:30 pm  
Ward City Cleanup: Saturday, October 3, 2020 from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Ward Earth Day Cleanup: Saturday, October 3, 2020 at 8:00 am  
2021 Budget Meeting: November 10, 2020 6 pm

**XIII. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm with a motion by Mrs. Hefner, second by Mr. Wier. Motion to adjourn passed with a 6-0 voice vote.

We, the undersigned Mayor and City Clerk for the City of Ward, do hereby verify the foregoing to be true and correct record of proceedings of the City of Ward Regular Meeting held on Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at 6:30pm.

APPROVED DATE: October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020

  
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MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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CITY CLERK

